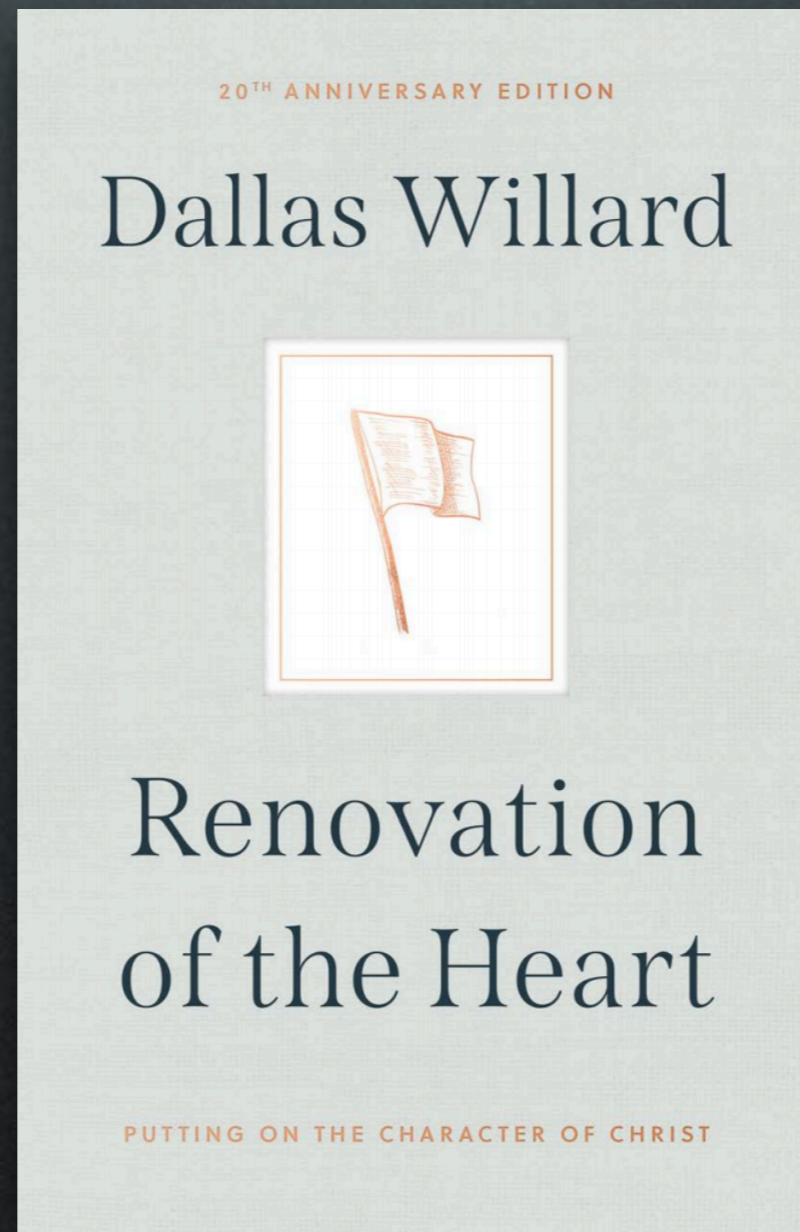


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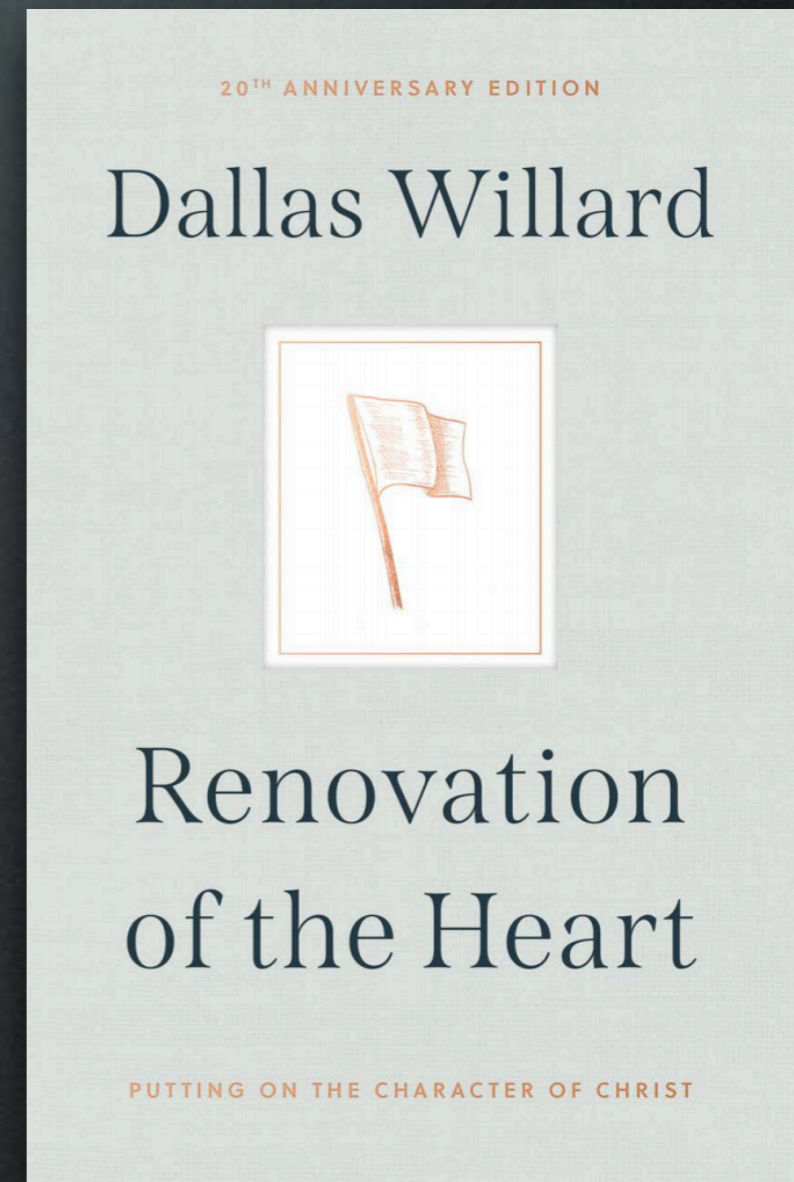
## Session 11 Review

Transformation of the soul is when we take it into the yoke of Jesus, learning from His humility and the abandonment of “outcomes” to God. This brings rest to the soul.

We receive the law and the Word as the structure of a life of grace in the Kingdom of God...*to walk in righteousness upheld by grace.*

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“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.”

Ephesians 5:8-10

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17

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## What is Gained by Human History

God's purposes for human history...according to the biblical picture... is to bring forth an immense community of people from

“every nation and tribe and tongue and people”

who will be a

“kingdom of priests under God”.

They (We) will also reign with Him in the eternal future of the cosmos, forever and ever.

Revelation 22:5



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**SPIRITUAL FORMATION** during our life here on earth is a constant movement toward the eternal appointment God placed upon each of us:

“The kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” Matthew 25:30; Luke 19:17


This movement forward is now carried on through our apprenticeship to Jesus Christ ...a process of character transformation toward complete trustworthiness before God.

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Children of the Light  
have the basic nature of light:  
That light is our parent...  
not perfect...not living in a perfect world—yet.

But remarkably different,  
primarily on the “inside” of our life,  
in our depths.

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# Descriptions of Apprentices of Jesus

Matthew 5-7

Romans 12:1-21

1 Corinthians 13, 2 Corinthians 3:12-7:1

Galatians 5:22-6:10

Ephesians 4:20-6:20

Philippians 2:3-16 and 4:4-9

Colossians 3:1-4:6

1 Peter 2:1-3:15

II Peter 1:2-10

I John 4:7-21

Micah 6:8

## What is Still Most Misunderstood

We do not understand the presupposition of inner transformation into Christlikeness that accompanies these passages.



We assume we are supposed to “do” all these things.

To the person not inwardly changed, evil and sin still look good. They (we) do everything to evade the law and do what they (we) want.

As Jesus trains them (us), the law begins to appear as a beautiful gift of God. Sin looks stupid.



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# II Peter 1:3-11 — “Living Beyond Philadelphía”



\* – “philadelphía” Φιλαδέλφεια

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## What Shall We Say about Sanctification



Sanctification...comes through the process of spiritual formation, through which the heart (spirit, will) of the individual and the whole inner life takes on the character of Jesus' inner life.



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## **Four Reflections of the Children of the Light**

- 1.) When we are wrong, we don't defend.
- 2.) We are not missing out on something if we are not sinning.
- 3.) We are governed by the pull of the good.
- 4.) The path of richness becomes easy and good.

*The mature children of light are like their Master. They know God and His Word, they think straight, and they live in the truth. (239 / 228)      Ephesians 5:15-17*

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## **The Light of the World** - Matthew 5:14-16

When Jesus sent out His apprentices to make apprentices of all ethnic groups on earth, what He had in mind was a worldwide moral revolution...the population of the earth being transformed into “the children of light” - ordinary human beings in their ordinary positions in life appointed and empowered by Him to be, each in their peculiar place, the light of the world.

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## **Darkness Declared to be Light**

Modern humanity has lived in a rage of moral self-righteousness. In its intellectual leaders it has lived in an attitude of superiority and condemnation toward the morality of the culture that is supposedly “Christian”. Its greatest prophets – a line of those thought to be among our greatest thinkers – have weighed Jesus in the moral balances and found him wanting. They have found ways of treating him as inaccessible and then concentrated on finding those who profess to be his followers wanting. In times of desperation they may still turn to him in prayer, but they do not think of him as the only one who knows reality and how the world should go.

The highest ethical teaching the world has ever been given was rejected by the intellectual leaders of humanity in favor of teachings that opened the way to forms of human behavior more degraded than any of the world has seen to that point. (240-241/229-230)

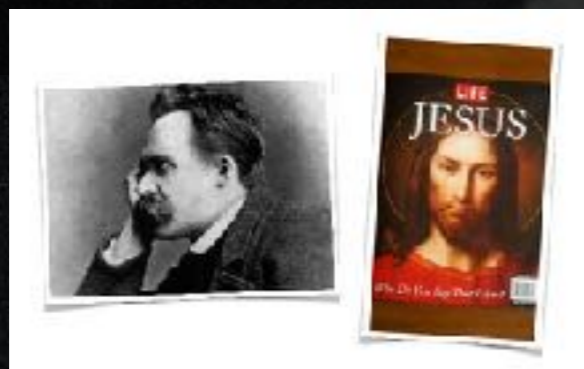
## **Darkness Now Presented as Light**

Traditional Christian practice is held up as morally inferior...by Hollywood, popular culture, political parties, great thinkers as cultural authorities.

Darkness as “light” artistically.

Traditionally blatant evil is now the single most dominant feature of our common world - “Sex & Violence”.

Jesus Christ was replaced as light of the world by Nietzsche and John Lennon, or the like.



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## **Now is the Time to Be Children of Light**

We are beyond the point where mere talk – no matter how sound – can make impression. Demonstration is required. We must live what we talk, even in places where we cannot talk what we live.

Only when those who really do know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world take up their stand with Him, and fulfill their calling from Him to be children of light where they are, will there be any realistic hope of stemming the tide of evil and showing the way out of that tide for those who really want out.

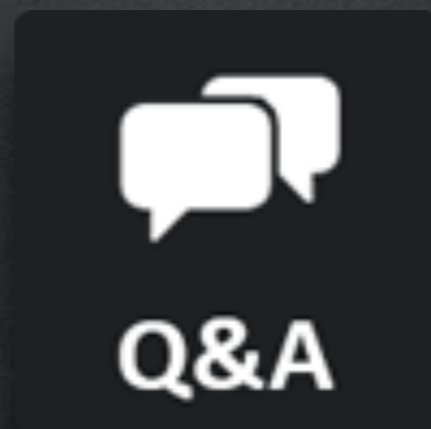
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# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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As all of our dimensions are trained by the Spirit through spiritual disciplines, we can increasingly connect with God throughout the day.

It isn't about us. (157)

We're not performing — we're just tagging along behind Jesus, copying His fascinating way of being. (158)



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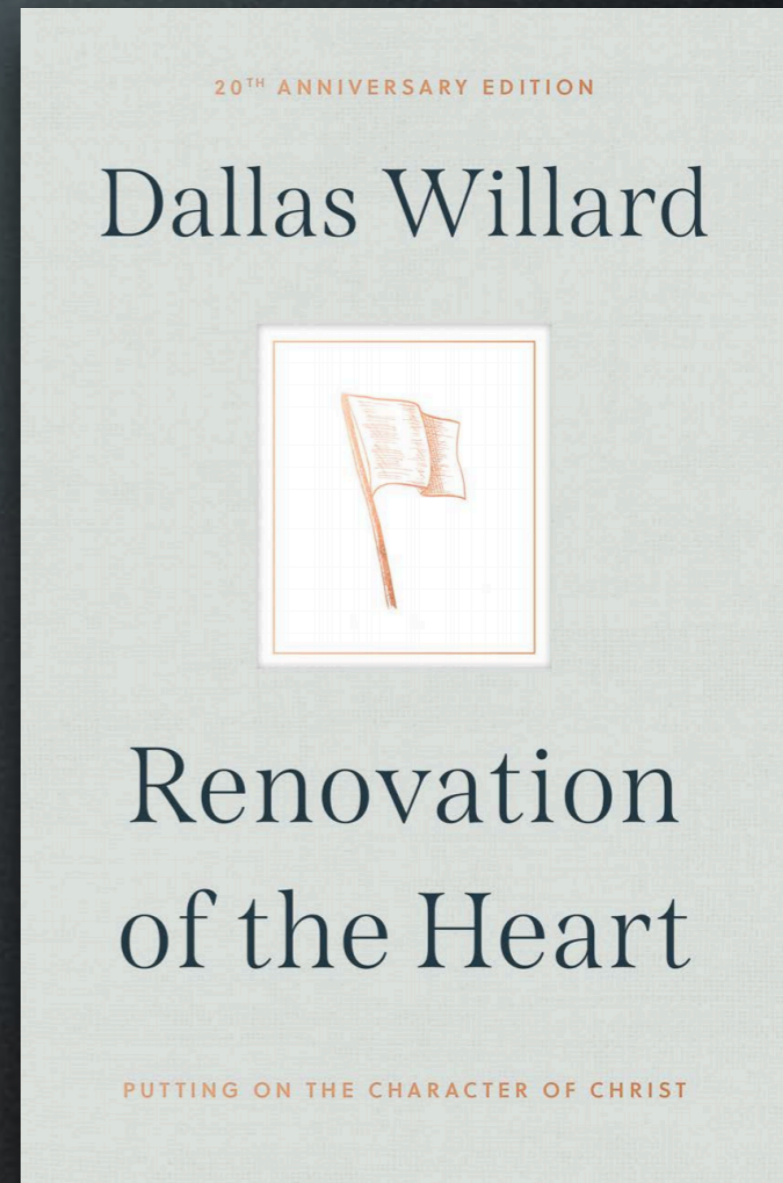
## **Today's Experiment**

Pray that God will give you opportunities to demonstrate the genuine, radiant love of God in simple, common ways.

## Session 12 Summary

The call of Christ today as “Children of the Light” is to be His apprentices, to live in the power of God, learning to do all He said to do, leading others into apprenticeship to Him, and teaching them how to do everything He said.

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# **Final Session 13**

“Spiritual Formation in the  
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Chapter 13

**Tuesday, February 15 , 2022**

*Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice*  
Chapters 56-60



Guests - Rick Blackmon  
&  
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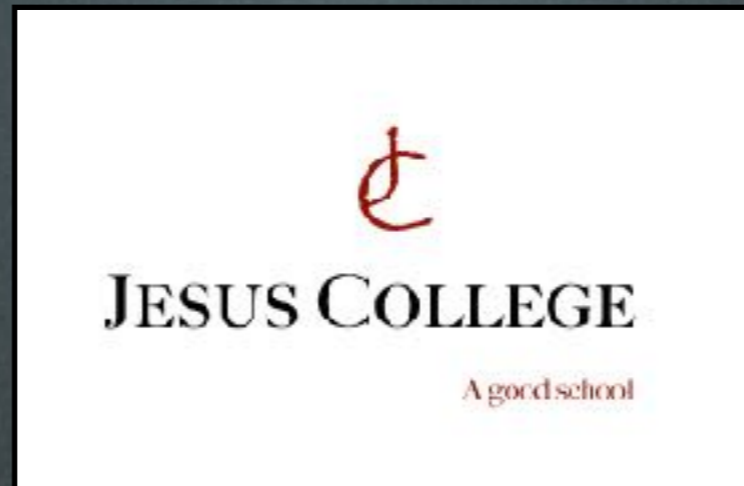
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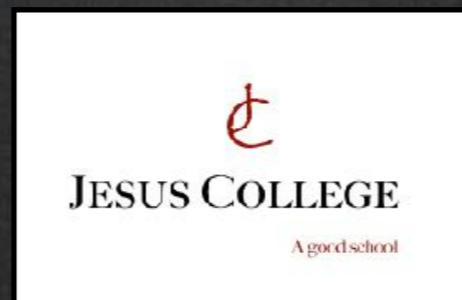
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